

This legislation has strong bipartisan support. It has 310 cosponsors and was unanimously approved by both by the Health Subcommittee and the full Energy and Commerce Committee.

I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation. What we are doing here this evening is giving hope to Don and Joyce and Ben Carpenter and many others who suffer from Duchenne and other devastating forms of muscular dystrophy in this nation and across the world. We can work miracles when we really try.

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 717, the Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Act.

Representative WICKER and I introduced H.R. 717, after being inspired by testimonies from our constituents. I am inspired by an extraordinary 9-year-old boy, Jacob, who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

For those of you who don't know about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: Duchenne is typically diagnosed in boys between the ages of 3 and 5 years; the disease is characterized by progressive weakness, with a gradual deterioration of muscle capacity, first in the legs, then in the arms, back, lungs, and heart; and children affected by Duchenne typically do not live to see their 20's.

Currently, Jacob uses a motorized scooter to get around, but soon he will need a ventilator to breathe. There is no treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The life expectancy of a child with Duchenne has not changed since 1859 when it was first identified. It is time for us to focus our efforts and target funds to Muscular Dystrophy research at NIH and CDC.

H.R. 717, will fight childhood muscular dystrophy by boosting research funding and raising public awareness. Less than 1/2000 of the NIH budget is focused on research linked to Muscular Dystrophy. Time is running out.

I asked Jacob, if he could trade places with anyone in the world who would he be; I expected him to say a famous athlete or movie star, but he simply answered his older brother, so he can play football with his friends. You see his biggest wish is to be a regular boy.

Today, lets do what we can to help this little boy grow up to play football with his friends. I hope all of you are as inspired as I am by the courage of Jacob and other children who suffer from this, terrible disease.

I urge you to support H.R. 717.

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 717, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the

Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2603. An act to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area.

REPORT ON H.R. 2944, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-216) on the bill (H.R. 2944) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 5:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 5:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY) at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2500, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia? The Chair hears none and, without objection, appoints the following conferees: Messrs. WOLF,

ROGERS of Kentucky, KOLBE, TAYLOR of North Carolina, REGULA, LATHAM, MILLER of Florida, VITTER, YOUNG of Florida, SERRANO, MOLLOHAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Messrs. CRAMER, KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and OBEY.

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 65, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 65) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; the joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 65, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 65) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 65 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 65

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, namely:

SEC. 101. (a)(1) Such amounts as may be necessary under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2001 for continuing